



Editor's Corner

It looks like the newsletter made it just in time to qualify for the March edition! A couple of things, among them Cindy and I being busy painting the kitchen and the nook and my e-mail hiding some material to include in this issue, contributed to the delay. My apologies!

Well, it looks like the verdict is still out, whether it is spring already or not. According to the calendar, it is here, according to my view out of the window, it is not – it is snowing outside!

Actually, I am not too upset about it. It gives me a little more time to get prepared. Leave the Corvette in storage for another month, pull the wheels off the K16 and take them to the tire guy to have him put on new rubber, buy some mulch for an early season sale price, same with fertilizer. Get the yard and garden stuff out of the way before the riding season begins.

Talking about tires, Avon has a new line, the Storm 3D X-M which is said to deliver 15-20% more mileage when compared to the previous Storm range. In addition, it is supposed to have good stability, grip and handling. Supposedly designed for big sport-touring bikes. Worth a try.

Then it will be time to make some plans on how to allocate the riding time for this year, i.e.: what events to attend and what places to travel to.

From what I hear, some of you are already far ahead of me and have firm plans for the months to come.

Before you know it, we will have 75° weather and we'll be riding

Mike

Daytona Bike Week, the first big motorcycle event for this year is over. Some manufacturers used the venue to introduce new models. **Polaris** was one of them and it seems they are determined to give Harley Davidson a run for the money. Literally! For their **Victory** brand, they showed the **Magnum X-1** with a 200 Watt, 10-speaker audio system, 21" front and 16" rear billet wheels, LED headlight, the 106 cu-in V-twin and a \$24,499 tag.



In the **Indian** line, they added another **Chief** model. The **Dark Horse**. Based on the Classic, it has no chrome and a matte black finish, cast wheels, no oil cooler, fuel

gauge or driving lights. Same motor as the other Chiefs, ABS, Cruise, MSRP \$16,999

Another new kid on the block is **Motus**. After a development time of 7 years, the Birmingham, AL company finally brings 2 models powered by a pushrod V-4, developed by engine R&D specialist Katech Inc. Katech is also responsible for the Corvette LS7 R small block V-8 that won Le Mans. Pratt&Miller, another Detroit engineering outfit designed the final package.



If you are interested in owning a 1,650cc OHV V-4 rated at 160/180hp and 123/126 lb-ft, made in the USA, be prepared to spend \$30,975 for the MST or \$36,975 for the MST-R.

In case you are looking for a place to ride in April, the BMW MOA will host the MOA Fontana Getaway **April 24-26** Fontana Dam, Fontana Village Resort, NC.

A local event, the **Hopewell Road Rally** in Logan Ohio, hosted by the Southeastern Ohio Beemers is on the same weekend as the **Georgia Mountain Rally** in Hiawassee,GA. Both are on **May 1-3**

You can squeeze in the **Great Chicken Rally May 22-24** Coke Ovens Historical Park- Dunlap, TN – **New Location** before it is time for

The **BMW Motorcycle Club of Akron Poker Run, May 31<sup>st</sup>**. We need you to be back for that!



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It must be spring!!! No, I did not see a robin, but Leigh and I spotted a motorcycle last Sunday - a Harley!- , so that means our long wait is almost over.

It also means we need to begin thinking about what we need to do to resurrect our bikes from a long winter's nap. Hopefully the Battery Tender has done its job and I have already scheduled a maintenance visit with Mathias – hopefully the weather will co-operate for my first ride!

We also need to start preparing our minds and our bodies for another riding season. We don't ride the lightest motorcycles and as we get older, these things are a little tougher to manhandle.

Maybe Dana can start a Beemer Yoga class so we can all put our feet behind our heads like he can.....?

An Akron BMW Club thanks to Motorcycle Ohio Riding Instructor, Don Calvert, for sharing his experience as an instructor during the March club meeting. Don talked about the benefits of helping new motorcyclists and what it takes to teach the Basic Rider Course (BRC). The Ohio course is designed and written by the national Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) and certifies the participants as a MSF Instructor. If you would like more information on becoming an instructor, please let me know and I can help with the information you'll need.

Think Spring!!

Jeff